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FOR: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AND/OR ADJUSTING A WELDING
PROCESS

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 23, 2006, and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 2, 2009, Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 and JP 11-19771 listed thereon. This document was cited in a Japanese Office Action dated November 25, 2008, copy enclosed, with translation.

JP 11-19771 describes a method and a device for controlling the position of the welding wire in arc welding where the welding torch is moved until a contact of the welding wire with the workpiece is detected. The so-called "stick-out length," that is the length of the welding wire projecting out of the contact

nozzle of the welding torch, is constant. In contrast, Applicant's method as recited in claim 21 allows the determination of the position of the welding wire relative to the workpiece without the movement of the welding torch. Therefore, according to Applicant's method as recited in claim 21, the position of the welding wire with respect to the workpiece can be determined without the necessity to move the welding torch.

Applicant also submits herewith a Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e).

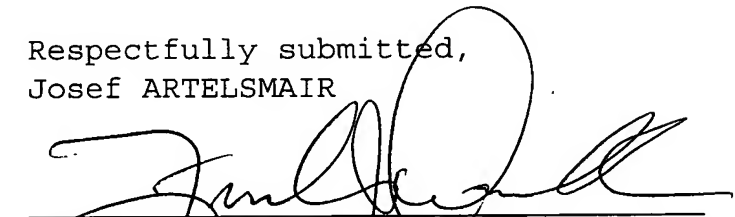
U.S. Patent No. 4,533,817, also cited in the Japanese Office Action, is not listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 as this document was previously cited in Applicant's March 23, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement and made of record by the Examiner.

Because this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the November 25, 2008 Japanese Office Action as indicated in the accompanying Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), it is believed that no fee is required for filing this Second Supplemental Information

Disclosure Statement. If a fee should be required, please charge any such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 with one (1) reference, Japanese Office Action dated November 25, 2008 (with translation), Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)

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